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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy to the Director for Resource Management

FROM: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: C/JCS Comments on NFIP Guidance ☐

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1. I have just noted General Jones' memorandum of 23 July 1979 on the NFIP ☐ I am unclear where we stand on paragraph 4 with respect to the Policy Review Committee (Intelligence) Working Group. ☐

2. I am uncertain what he's asking for in paragraph 6 with respect to getting the Director, DIA, in on our program reviews and budget hearings. We certainly can't treat him any differently than any other program manager. ☐

3. With respect to paragraph 5, I'd like to reply something along the following vein:

"With respect to your suggestion that we purge the NFIP of activities principally used to acquire intelligence for the conduct of tactical operations, I would like to say that I've given this a great deal of thought over the past several years. I am still unable to identify specific programs now in the NFIP which do not have a substantial national as well as tactical application. Clearly there are instances in which the balance between national and tactical is stronger in one direction or the other, but I know of none in which it is just transparent that it is a tactical program with negligible national interests. Over and beyond this, it is my personal feeling that we would oversimplify the matter if we would decide that the end users' interests were the only criteria for deciding what was in the NFIP and what was in the IRA. Other considerations which must be included are the management problems. For instance, it may be inadvisable to split the management of a satellite that piggybacks on another satellite. It may be unnecessarily costly to create a whole management structure for a type of intelligence collection device just because one-tenth of our assets in that category are primarily tactical (or national). In short, I believe that there is no

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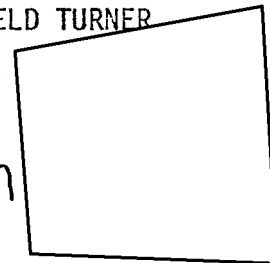
clear line of distinction between what serves the national and tactical purpose, nor do I believe that this is the only criteria which we must use in judging such a reallocation of NFIP assets." ☐

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